RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE—DISTRIBUTION OF FOWLS

130. Mr. C. K. S. Moni *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many fowls are kept in the Rural Development Centre;

(*b*) is it not desirable to keep them at different centres instead of crowding them at one place;

(*c*) what is the opinion of the expert regarding it?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The total number of fowls kept at this Centre is 42 of which 9 are temporarily kept here for distribution and 33 belong to Centre Live Stock.

(*b*) There is no crowding at all. In a Central Farm like this there should be a fairly large number of birds of improved breeds for meeting demands for eggs, etc.

(*c*) Already birds have been distributed to several centres and even now they are being distributed according to a definite scheme.

CHITTUR-TATTAMANGALAM—WANT OF GRAZING GROUNDS

131. Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are the Government aware of the inconvenience and hardship which the people of Chittur and Tattamangalam are put to for want of grazing grounds for cattle;

(*b*) will the Government kindly take early steps to acquire grounds in convenient places and reserve the same for grazing purposes?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question will be considered according to the availability of funds.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are grazing grounds in all the older Municipalities?

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